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CONTEST DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Candidates Are Working
Desperately For the
Handsome Pianos.

JUST TWO MORE WEEKS

And the City Contest Will Close—County
Contestants Are Also Working Hard—
Much Interest in the Outcome.

Just two more weeks remain in which Miss Grace Honor Goodloe and Miss Elizabeth Graves can work to decide which will win the beautiful Smith & Barnes piano in the INTELLIGENCER contest. At six o'clock on the evening of March 6, the ballot box will be closed to the city contestants. In view of this fact Miss Goodloe and Miss Graves are bending every energy toward getting subscriptions for the INTELLIGENCER and enhancing their chances for the piano. They both did excellent work last week and turned in about an equal number of votes.

During the next two weeks they will scour every nook and cranny of the city and every non-subscriber will have an opportunity to help one of these popular young ladies.

The county contestants are both increasing their standings every week and the race between them promises to be an exceedingly exciting affair. Last week Miss Martin of Higginsville led by a margin of 1,500 votes. This week Miss Bardet of Wellington has the narrow lead of 200 votes. If the weather improves to any extent the county contest will be closed shortly after the end of the city contest.

Everybody should bear this in mind and send in his or her subscription now.

Criminal Court.

In the Criminal court Friday W. L. Lackey, charged with giving liquor to minor, plead not guilty; was released on \$300 bond and ordered to appear for trial on February 19.

N. M. Houx was appointed special prosecutor in the case of State vs. W. A. Caulfield. It was during the term of Mr. Houx that this matter first came up and Mr. Keith is Caulfield's attorney.

In the Criminal court, Tuesday, Mrs. Minnie Dreyer, charged in three cases with keeping a bawdy house, entered a plea of not guilty and was ordered to appear for trial next Tuesday, February 23.

The case of the City of Higginsville vs. Richard Kirtley was continued by consent until June 22.

The seven cases each against Fritz Langbrahrad and William McCulloch for selling liquor were continued until June 22.

One case against S. P. Kelley was set for February 24, and nine others continued until June 23. One case against Mike Hughes was set for February 24 and nine others, continued until June 24.

Ben Scott entered a plea of guilty to burglary and the state dismissed the case against him for larceny.

Gloss McDonald, who had entered a plea of guilty, was sentenced to three years in the reform school.

The case of State vs. Frank Morgan was dismissed at the cost of defendant by agreement.

The trial of W. A. Caulfield, charged with rape, was set for February 25, and that of Jesse Cannada, charged with perjury, for February 25.

Wednesday in the Criminal court Jesse Kennedy withdrew his plea of not guilty, entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$1 and costs.

Four cases against S. M. Greene were set for June 25.

The case against Charles Mills for disturbing the peace was set for February 23.

The Court did little Thursday except set dates for trials. That of R. S. Riggs was set for Feb. 25. One against John Kelly and one against Hugh Epperson were continued until June 25. The four against W. H. Smith were continued until June 26.

Yesterday the cases against J. G. Worthington were dismissed by the state at the cost of the defendant.

Patrick Roach was in Higginsville Tuesday.

SYLVIA A SUCCESS

High School Operetta Pleased a Large
Audience.

"Sylvia," an interesting musical operetta in two acts, presented by the pupils of the Lexington High school at the New Grand Thursday evening, turned out to be even a greater success than was anticipated. The members of the cast were taken from the best available material at the school and, being drilled to a marked degree of perfection, combined with their natural talent for this work, succeeded in producing a play interesting and satisfactory to everyone. As is usual in home talent productions, a magnificent audience greeted the performers. Unlimited credit is due to B. M. Little, Miss Gladys Winn and Miss Frances Young for their efforts to make the play a success.

The entertainment opened with a grand march by fourteen little tots from the primary grades, costumed in old colonial fashions. "The Virginia Aristocrats" as they were called ended their part of the program with an imitation of an old Virginia reel which was particularly pleasing to the older members of the audience. Those who took part in this had evidently been most proficiently coached as was evidenced by their work. The main play "Sylvia" is built along quaint country lines and has for a plot a simple and clearly drawn story concerning two lasses, one a noblewoman and the other a country maiden, who becoming tired of their lots agree to masquerade in each other's clothes and exchange lovers.

Ben Price, Fall Becker, Irvin Morris, George Aull and Misses Winifred Winn, Nellie Price, Annie Marrs, Grace Jamison, Estelle Cullum, Mary Berrie and Lola Frazier were cast in the principal parts and all performed in a most intelligent and capable manner. The lines were interspersed with many musical numbers and all of these were very well done. In fact the whole production proved a credit both to the actual participants and to the school.

The production was repeated yesterday evening.

LEXINGTONIANS HONORED

E. M. Taubman and Mike Gavin Receive
Appointments from Governor.

Two Lexington Republicans were honored this week when Governor Hadley announced the appointment of E. M. Taubman as member of the board of managers of the School for Deaf at Fulton and Mike Gavin as assistant coal mine inspector.

Mr. Taubman is president of the Commercial Bank, and one of the most prominent citizens of the county. His effective work for his party entitled him to the appointment, and the position is one which he is admirably able to fill. The board of managers of the Fulton school is always picked from the most substantial and influential men of the state and the selection of Mr. Taubman is a high compliment. He succeeds Wm. R. Palmer, the defeated candidate for lieutenant governor.

Mr. Gavin is eminently able to fill his office. He has been connected with coal mining for many years and at present is serving as secretary of the local union of United Mine Workers. He has, therefore, the knowledge necessary for the fulfillment of his duties. The appointment is for four years and the salary is \$1,800 and expenses. Mr. Gavin is popular in Lexington and has many friends who will be glad of his good fortune. He succeeds Henry J. Hamill of Ray county.

The Popular Frank E. Long Company

Headed by Frank E. Long and Miss Nana Sullivan is booked for a week's engagement at the New Grand, commencing Monday, February 22. Manager Long has always had a good company, but the company he has secured this season is superior to any he has ever had. Besides having one of the best dramatic companies on the road, Frank E. Long will have with him a number of special high class vaudeville features such as has never been seen before with a repertoire company. The opening play, a four act comedy drama, entitled, "Thorns and Orange Blossoms." Ladies admitted free Monday evening under usual conditions. Prices 10, 20 and 30 cents. Seats on sale Saturday morning.

Wm. Palmer was in Kansas City Thursday.

MAYVIEW NOTES.

W. J. Weaver went to Independence last Saturday to spend a day or two with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Weaver.

Mrs. Will Cblan of Greenton visited with her sister, Mrs. Angie M. Jones, last week.

The ladies aid of the Christian Church will give a pie supper in the building north of the Post Office, this evening Feb. 20th. So be on hand to supply yourself, and see how much pie you can eat. The more you eat the more money the sisters will have. See?

Mrs. Sam Winn of Kansas City is spending the week here with her brother, Joe Simpson, and her relatives.

George Nally went to Higginsville last Sunday evening. Geo. is on a still hunt.

Mrs. Frank Vanardale of Grand Pass was here this week visiting friends.

Sam Smith of Kansas City spent last Sunday with home folks south of town.

J. B. Porter was up from Jefferson City last week on business. He is one of the guards there. He says he is behaving awfully nice, for he wants to keep his job.

Sam M. Greene says some lively men are hard to please. If a person drives to Lexington in two hours he is driving too fast. If he takes four hours to drive back he is too slow. He does not know how to strike the happy medium. We can tell him.

Several of our citizens were interviewed by the Grand Jury this week. As we are a quiet lot of people and "kinder" live to ourselves, the jury was not effected by the interviews so far.

Several of our townsmen are getting the Gypsy Smith fever and are talking of going to Kansas City to hear him and be thrilled with the music from the great choir.

Will Waddell's sale last Friday was well attended and his stuff brought good prices. Col. Logston of Plackburn and Col. Wilson of Corder cried the sale.

James Ramey is allowed to smoke his cob pipe in the drug store by paying 15 cents a smoke or two for a quarter.

Esquire Taylor of Odessa took a day off last week and came to our town and mingled with our people all day. He met a contented lot of people.

Lawrence Smith and wife came up from Higginsville last Tuesday. We understand they will take possession of the "Serat" farm this year.

Mrs. B. S. Higgins is visiting in Kansas City this week with relatives and friends.

N. S. Winn is still in Kansas City taking treatment for nervousness. We hope he may be benefitted.

P. C. Proctor is home on a visit this week with his parents.

Our citizens are sure footed. So far we have heard of no one slipping or falling during the icy spell.

School Afire Again

For the second time within four days, the colored school in East Lexington caught fire Tuesday about 12:30 o'clock. The origin of the fire was again traced to the defective furnace. The fire department was compelled to throw water this time and the damage was much greater. The flames were confined to the basement and cloakroom. The pupils had been dismissed for the noon hour and no one was present at the time but the teacher.

Philip Keller arrived from Chicago Tuesday evening for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. O. O. Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kriehn arrived from Excelsior Springs Wednesday evening for a visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Richard Field and daughter, Miss Carrie, returned Wednesday evening from a few days' stay in Kansas City.

Rev. R. T. Mansfield went to Kansas City Thursday to hear Gypsy Smith, the great evangelist who is preaching in Convention hall this week.

Misses Elizabeth and Virginia Graves went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day.

Misses Maria Woods and Annie Chamberlain went to Kansas City Thursday to spend the day.

Miss Clarice Weyand returned Wednesday evening from a visit with friends in Otterville.

CORDER ITEMS.

Rueben Kessler shipped a car load of hogs to St. Louis Tuesday.

Orin Miller is helping to repair the broken wires of the Western Union Telephone company this week.

Frank Bell, who had been attending Business college at Sedalia, came home Sunday evening on account of a severe case of grip. He is improving rapidly under the care of Dr. Carthage and will be able to return to school in a few weeks.

A fine Washington's Birthday program will be rendered at the Assembly hall in the new school building on next Monday evening, Feb. 22. All patrons of the school are invited to come out and hear the program and see the new seats in the Assembly hall.

James Crumpley, who has been visiting in Stahl, Mo., came back to Corder Sunday evening. He likes the town and will start a barber shop there in a few weeks. We wish him success.

S. F. Giesendolph shipped a car load of cattle Tuesday to St. Louis market.

E. S. Willis returned from Sweet Springs Saturday night where he attended the funeral of his little nephew, Courtney Hamlin Neale, son of Samuel Neale of Washington, D. C. The little boy had been sick for some time in the past, but was recovering when he took a back-set which ended in his death. The remains were brought from Washington, D. C., to Sweet Springs where the funeral services were held Saturday, conducted by Rev. J. C. Shackleford, formerly of this place.

Andy Virwicks of Mayview spent a few days this week with John Buchanan of Corder.

Ben Kidd came in Monday to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kidd, of this place and to accompany his wife to Texas as soon as she recovers from a spell of sickness. Mr. Kidd was raised here and was a jeweler in town for a number of years. We wish good health to him and his wife.

Sam Humphrey of Higginsville purchased the barber shop of Orin Pence one day this week. We are sorry to lose Mr. Pence, but glad to welcome the family of Mr. Humphrey into the community.

The Folk men of St. Louis are going to give a banquet in honor of Ex-Governor Folk on February 26, at the Planter's Hotel. A few men in Corder have received invitations.

Leroy Bell favored a crowd of young folks Tuesday night by taking them on a nice sleigh ride. The party consisted principally of the young folks that are taking part in the play. The bob sled was crowded full, and after a ride of an hour the party held a meeting in the house of one of the members of the party and there they rehearsed the play that is to be given sometime in the future.

One of the special events of last Friday evening was the debate and box supper given by the Corder Redmen. The program opened by music by Hohenwald's orchestra after which "Big Chief Rain in the Face, Robt. James" made a talk on Redmanship, explaining the order and its origin. After this a debate was next on the program. The question was—Resolved, That Women should have a right to vote in the United States. Robt. James opened the debate and made a nice talk of 15 minutes after which Oscar Gravens addressed the crowd in defense of the negative. He was followed by Harris Bray on the affirmative and in turn by C. L. Wilson, after which Mr. James closed the debate. All three judges voted for the affirmative. A box supper was the next question before the house. Wm. Wilson was substituted for James Hughes as auctioneer and all boxes sold high. The cheapest brought 65 cents and several brought \$1.40. When all boxes were sold the crowd began to eat the contents of the boxes. At a very late hour the crowd adjourned, all enjoying the evening.

Mrs. Mary Brooks of near Lexington left Thursday morning for a visit with her brother, Dr. J. C. Walker, in Mattoon, Ill.

Nice Bill was in Buckner yesterday.

I. E. Keller spent yesterday in Kansas City.

Charles Kinhead was in Kansas City yesterday.

W. S. Carter went to Kansas City yesterday on business.

T. C. Sawyer went to Independence yesterday for a brief stay.

KEMPER CONQUERED

Wentworth Downs Old Rival in Fast
Game, 48 to 11.

The Wentworth basket ball five handled one of the easiest propositions it has had to deal with during the season which is now progressing when it downed the Kemper team, reputed to be so speedy, Tuesday afternoon in the drill hall in the game which was postponed from Monday night. The local cadets simply mowed down the lads from Booneville, finally defeating them by the decisive and overwhelming count of 48 to 11. The red and white defeated its opponents at every turn and twist of the game; the undoubted superiority of Wentworth's team work was manifest to all; that Wentworth possessed a more definite and thorough knowledge of the game could be seen at one glance; the greater accuracy displayed by Wentworth is shown in the final score; and finally every man on the Wentworth team outplayed his Kemper opponent. Garzee, Hurley, Chambers and Hoge composed the Wentworth galaxy of stars and every other member who took part played a sterling game. Kemper was simply woefully outclassed.

The lineup:
W. M. A. K. M. S.
Littlefield rg Hoffman
Randolph rg Hoffman
Chambers lg Walling
Moore lg Walling
Hoge c Crary
Hurley rf Westcott
Garzee lf Miller
The crowd of townspeople in attendance was somewhat slim owing to the inconvenience of the hour.

Another disgraceful scene was enacted at the depot Tuesday evening. An outgoing visitor became instilled with Lexington "likker" and tried to call attention to himself by starting something at the depot. He began by abusing the operator, who requested him to be quiet on account of the ladies present. This made the boozier madder than ever and he attempted to tear things up generally. The arrival of the trains was all that saved him from rough handling. This man once lived in Lexington and his disposition has not changed a whit since he left this city.

Notice.

Lexington, Mo., Feb. 17, 1909.
To the Patrons of Lafayette Telephone Company:
The destructive storm of Saturday night last laid low and rendered useless many of our poles, snapped our wires and destroyed connections rendering practically useless and inefficient many telephones in and about the city.

Such a situation necessarily renders service inadequate and inefficient and in many instances paralyzes telephone service.

We have suffered greatly but we assure our patrons that we will not spare time, energy or means to at once replace and restore poles, lines and connections in the shortest possible time with a service even more efficient than heretofore.

The severe storm, the unusual demand for line men, failure of telephone service over long distance lines and other obstacles naturally impeded our progress, but we will meet all promptly and in the shortest possible time restore uninterrupted service.

We desire to request our patrons, in view of the situation, to be patient and to bear with us and endure present conditions for a short time, assuring them that every possible means is being applied to relieve the situation.

Cars of poles are en route under rush orders and will arrive today or tomorrow and all available help and assistance will be pressed into service to restore our system to the earliest possible moment.

Kindly be patient and bear with us and your co-operation and forbearance will be greatly appreciated.

Lafayette Telephone Company,
E. D. Graham,
Manager.

Dr. H. M. Lissack went to Concordia Thursday morning on business.

E. T. Stier returned Wednesday evening from a business trip to Chicago.

J. F. Alford returned Tuesday evening from a business trip to St. Louis.

G. Gruber went to Kansas City Wednesday morning on business.

A BAD WRECK

One Man Killed and Several Injured in
Collision on River Route.

The most serious wreck that has occurred on the River route for some time took place Monday afternoon at two o'clock near the Keroloff mine, two and a half miles east of Lexington.

The train, which was overtaken was the regular train of James Robinson. It was continually breaking in two and had stopped for one of these breaks when the accident occurred. Mr. Robinson had sent back a flagman to stop the other, which was a fast freight, but the snow obscured him.

All the injured men belonged to a crew which had been working its regular time and was being taken back to Kansas City. The men were in their caboose, which was coupled behind the caboose of the regular. They were sleeping until just before the collision.

The locomotive of the fast train plowed through the two cabooses and four freight cars. All these were completely ruined and the locomotive itself was burned up. The engineer and fireman both jumped and were unhurt, save for minor bruises.

"Slick" Leiter, a brakeman, a brother of J. K. Leiter, of this city, was in the engine, but did not jump. He was not scratched. When the locomotive came to a stand-still he blew the whistle for help and then extricated himself.

Dr. C. T. Ryland, the local Missouri Pacific physician, went to the scene of the wreck and attended to the injured. It was nearly midnight before the trains could again be started.

THE DEAD.

David L. Williams, a brakeman, was caught in the car and severely crushed. Both legs were broken and the loss of blood was so great that he lived only three hours. He was the only unmarried man of the crew. He leaves a widowed mother and two sisters in Kansas City. His father was a wholesale liquor dealer and the family is in good circumstances.

THE INJURED.

George Dellapain, the conductor, sustained a broken collar bone and shoulder blade, besides severe bruises. He will recover.

J. C. Altamiller, the engineer, suffered from a broken left leg, below the knee.

Will Jordan, another brakeman, escaped through the tower of the caboose, from which he jumped. He was considerably bruised.

The body of Mr. Williams was taken to Kansas City. The injured men also went to Kansas City.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to:
Emmet J. Ritter.....Odessa
Mattie Ashcraft.....Odessa
Wm. E. Titus.....Lexington
Mirtle L. Patton.....Rayville
Turner Fizer.....Mayview
Jesse Sanders.....Higginsville

Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the Lexington Postoffice Saturday, Feb. 20, 1909.

Mrs. Mary Arexton, Chas. Baston, Miss Elizabeth Berger, Miss Mary Lee Cooper, H. A. Dickson, Melissa Evans, Miss Hazel Penkist, Joe Gass, J. M. Gourey, Axel Gustafson, Mrs. Anna Holmes, Duck Hursman, Sam Koon (2), Mrs. Ida A. Lovell, H. H. McQuitty, Mrs. McCurry, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Oder, Miss Minnie Rathbosh, James, Randys, Miss Nellie Sims, Miss Bessie Taylor, Mrs. Mary Turner, Twas N. Woropinus (Greek), Miss Jodie Weston, Mrs. Julia White.

When calling for these letters please say they were advertised.

DELIA CHOWDER,
Postmaster.

Miss Della Yates went to Kansas City yesterday to spend the day.

Mrs. J. D. Colter returned Thursday evening from a visit with relatives in Corder.

Mrs. W. H. Chiles went to Kansas City yesterday to visit relatives for several days.

Miss May Peak returned Thursday evening from an extended trip to Forest City, Arkansas.

Mrs. Bayless Steele came down from Kansas City Thursday evening to visit relatives for a few days.